

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo

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- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Wetlands, T^{he} Drainage - wildlife

Long term effect on health

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☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: _____

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crop Farming

Beef cattle

Septic Disposal Site

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Biological, Cultural

Property Values

Farming Impacts - Cattle - crops

I-001-001

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

yes, but is it really for peak
Electric Demand for premium \$
in benefit for excel ??

Don't get me wrong - I love electricity
and need it

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-001-001

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I-002-003
I-002-002

The use of lost of Crops land - safety to families and livestock.

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We have good farm land. Remember we would be feeding the world. It is a great blessing in the spring to see the crops planted, watch them grow for harvest and the land getting ready for winter. The wonderful seasons to watch and be close to.

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I-002-001

3 With all of us using less electricity trying to go green - our cost of electric power is higher for less use. I think we have a long way to educate people to go green, but the path would be better for it

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-002-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-002-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: House + outbuildings being taken by route option through St. Charles township / Section 4

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-003-001 My families home + outbuildings are in the direct path of route option through St. Charles township / Sec 4. For 35 years we have attempted to maintain + improve this farmstead. My wife has many upgrades + improvements in the house + we would be devastated to lose it — it is the base of operation for our farm, along with 2 very functional tool sheds, hog barn, drier box, older barn, garage, + older grainery. Hopefully an alternate route would allow us to retain these buildings. Thank you

Darrell Borneman

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I-003-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. The criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-004-001 |

I-004-002 |

Biological - clear cutting trees is disappointing
- staying away from existing residences/farms

I-004-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-004-002

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I-004-003 | plenty of information provided at meeting.

I-004-004 | Understand the need

Do your best to limit the impact

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-004-003

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, www.capx2020.com.

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I-004-004

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☐ Other: Williams Pipe Line

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

Health problems from the transmissions
Have a gas pipeline on my property
now, don't need electric also.

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I-005-001

Your comment has been noted. Cumulative Impacts will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-005-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-005-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-005-004

The land is crop farmed.
My property connects to the area
that has "short listed parcels".
Gas line is across the property.
There is 2 houses on the property
and you list only 1.

I-005-005

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Need to have the 160 acres
in order to sell the property
to relatives. Farming requires
a certain number of acres which
would be a hardship.
The lack of all the towers line

I-005-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to wildlife will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-005-005

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I-005-006

No we really need more electricity seeing the government is not wanting us to use more wind and solar panels. Isn't our president giving money for the above. Isn't that where he's putting some of our money.

I-005-007

Why not use existing lines they you don't have to buy more land as that should be owned by the electric company.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-005-006

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I-005-007

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PLAINVIEW 6/16/09

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

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ALREADY ESTABLISHED CORRIDORS

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I-006-001

THIS AREA IS A SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA. TERRAIN IS VERY HILLY AND FULL OF TREES. THIS WOULD ADD A LOT OF COST AND DIFFICULTY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT. WHAT IS WRONG WITH HWY 52 / I-90 CORRIDOR (FLAT/OPEN AND ALREADY USED)

I-006-003

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

ALL OF THE TREES THAT WILL HAVE TO BE CUT DOWN AND HILLY TERRAIN WITH SOME OF THE ROUTES.

I-006-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-006-002

CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CAN'T USE
ESTABLISHED CORRIDORS (IE. HWY 52/I-90)

Please tell us how to reach you.

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I-006-002

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I-006-003

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-006-002.

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- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: PROPERTY VALUES

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I-008-001

*property values, a big ugly tower
in my yard would lower property
values which in turn would lower
the tax base!*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

TAX BASE

I-008-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-008-002

accountability, case X is not held responsible enough for the ^{research} ~~research~~ and trumped up numbers, its just Mayor's way of getting their power and not putting up with DM&S!

Please tell us how to reach you.

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- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety

☐ Other: affects of property value

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-009-001

cost to taxpayers

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I-009-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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agricultural - obvious

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Representing (Optional): _____

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Not displacing people or animals

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I-010-001

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I-010-001

I-010-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-010-001.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture *horse/pasture* ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*Land/home is just north of the
intersection of Co. 12 & 11th Ave.
We own the 2nd place on the right (east).
Land to our immediate south was
just fenced in this spring for sheep
pastures. Our property has a horse
barn & pasture & apple orchard on it.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*Biological resources are Key. Its
rural farmland and river valleys
that should be left undisturbed.*

I-010-002

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-010-003

We've been told it was needed, but I'm not convinced there is a problem. There has been some definite growth in the Rochester area, but emphasis should be placed on conservation & alternative energy uses.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Daytime Phone (Optional): 507-753-2069

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Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-010-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo, June 17, 2009

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- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-011-001 - What easement issues/eminent domain problems are applicable?

I-011-002 - Why have local power stations been thrown over for massive cross county lines?

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I-011-001

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would provide compensation in the form of a one-time easement payment to property owners who host transmission lines. Property owners would retain ownership of the land and may continue to use the land around transmission structures. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process. If agreement on terms for an easement cannot be reached, the utilities can submit the dispute to the eminent domain process.

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I-011-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-011-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-011-004

Your comment has been noted. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid. The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture
 ☒ Residential
 ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial
 ☐ Industrial
 ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-011-003

We are at the juncture of ~~415 Ave~~ 415 Ave and 591st St Mazzeppa MN. The corridor will greatly disrupt the agricultural, woodland and Zumbro River area.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-011-007

The real need has not been established. According to utility studies usage is Down. Local Power is better for all involved.

I-011-004

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-011-005 No - many people at the early stages were completely uninformed.

I-011-006 The Public Utilities Commission of Minnesota has dropped the ball. There were legitimate objections made at the Certificate of Need hearing to have certain members blocked from voting - yet they were allowed to sit in on the vote - very inappropriate!

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Daytime Phone (Optional): 507 358 8800

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I-011-005

The utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, www.capx2020.com.

I-011-006

Your comment has been noted. The RUS does not have jurisdiction over the State of Minnesota Certificate of Need evaluations or content of those proceedings.

I-011-007

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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Which meeting did you attend? Plainview June 16 2009

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- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

*most important
for me to understand
why it's needed --
then the other
stuff needs to
be considered*

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-012-001 std city Rd 11 south of Viola Rd + North of city 9
is proposed/potential route for East Circle
bypass around Rochester -- need to
consider this when thinking of placement
(304 lanes)

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I-012-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:
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I-012-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-012-001.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-012-002

see note about East bypass
around Rochester along Cty 11 -
suggest you need to move that stretch
to the east of the reservoir

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-012-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I still don't understand the need. Do assumptions still seem valid? So much has changed, and there is more change coming relative to our energy usage patterns + ~~the~~ power generation options

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-012-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

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Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW

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- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-013-001

PROJECT SHOULD FOLLOW EXISTING
LINES WHERE POSSIBLE, THERE SHOULD BE
NO REASON TO ENCRUST ON A1 AS LAND
TO CONSTRUCT THIS LINE

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I-013-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:

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I-013-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

THE AG ECONOMY AS WELL AS ALL
OF THE ECONOMY IS SUFFERING AND NOW
IF ALL AG LAND IS TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION
TO SUPPORT THIS IS NOT RIGHT AS WELL
AS ENCROACHING ON RESIDENCES WHERE
PEOPLE LIVE AND RAISE FAMILIES

I-013-005

I-013-002

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-013-003

THIS PROJECT SHOULD FOLLOW EXISTING ROUTES SO AS NOT TO DISTURB ANY MORE PROPERTIES UNNECESSARILY. THERE WAS NOT

I-013-004

ENOUGH EXPLANATION AS TO THE NEED FOR THIS TO GO THRU RURAL AREAS WHEN URBAN AREAS REQUIRE THE EXTRA POWER, BUT THAT VOICE IS LOUDER.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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I-013-003

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-013-001.

I-013-004

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-013-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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Which meeting did you attend? JUNE 16, 2009 PLAINVIEW

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- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
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- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-014-001 | TAKING AG LAND OUT OF PRODUCTION

I-014-002 | POLES INTERFERING WITH LARGE FARM EQUIPMENT

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I-014-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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I-014-002

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-014-001.

I-014-003

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

LOCATED IN SECTION 19, ORONO TOWNSHIP,
OLMSTED COUNTY, MN.
ONE ROUTE OF 161KV OPTION IS UP 60TH AVE NE
PAST MY FARM. IF THIS OPTION IS SELECTED
AND IF THE POWER LINE IS ON THE EAST SIDE
OF 60TH AVE NW THEN I WOULD LOOSE SOME
AG LAND TO THE EASEMENT AND LOOSE AG
PRODUCTION.

I PREFER THE 161KV OPTION GOING UP THE
DOUGLAS TRAIL.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

* TAKING PRODUCTIVE AG LAND FROM
USE.

I-014-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

ADEQUATE

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Which meeting did you attend?

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☐ Project Purpose and Need

☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

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I-015-001

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- ☒ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☒ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Other: FUTURE RESIDENCE

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

WEST OF EITRICK WIS.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Which meeting did you attend? Wanamingo 6/17/09

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- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
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- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-016-001

→ How will structures w/in the ROW be compensated?
→ Why following existing corridors (major Hwys) are not
the most sought after route. PLEASE USE EXISTING
HWY and UTILITY CORRIDORS!!

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I-016-001

Your comment has been noted. RUS anticipates that the CapX2020 Utilities would pay for land rights based on an independent appraisal and will work with property owners to negotiate easement payments after the permitting process.

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-016-002

Location - Sec 16 Mazeppa Twp see attached map

New home construction scheduled for early 2010 on our property. A shed will be located w/in 80 feet of S property line where the proposed line w/ be routed. And a home will be located w/in 150'-200' of proposed line. Our neighbor's home is located w/in proposed ROW. (Brian Distel's, the property to the south of ours).

I-016-003

We are all concerned about the exposure these lines will create, the noisiness, and the decreased land values.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-016-004

Biological -> Property is an old growth, hardwood forest. 150-200 year old oaks are prevalent throughout property. Extreme slopes

I-016-005

and native plant communities are also on property. (Trout Lily & wild ginger and other rare/endangered species)

Recreation/wildlife -> Property serves as a wildlife corridor connecting bottomlands of the Zumbro River to the bluff tops above.



I-016-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to residential land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-016-003

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-016-002.

I-016-004

Your letter/comment card has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-016-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation, including federal and state regulated species, will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-016-006

Need more information on why these lines do not follow
major highways. The landscapes along major highways are
already ruined, why ruin the landscape of portions of
the Zumbro River Valley virgin

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

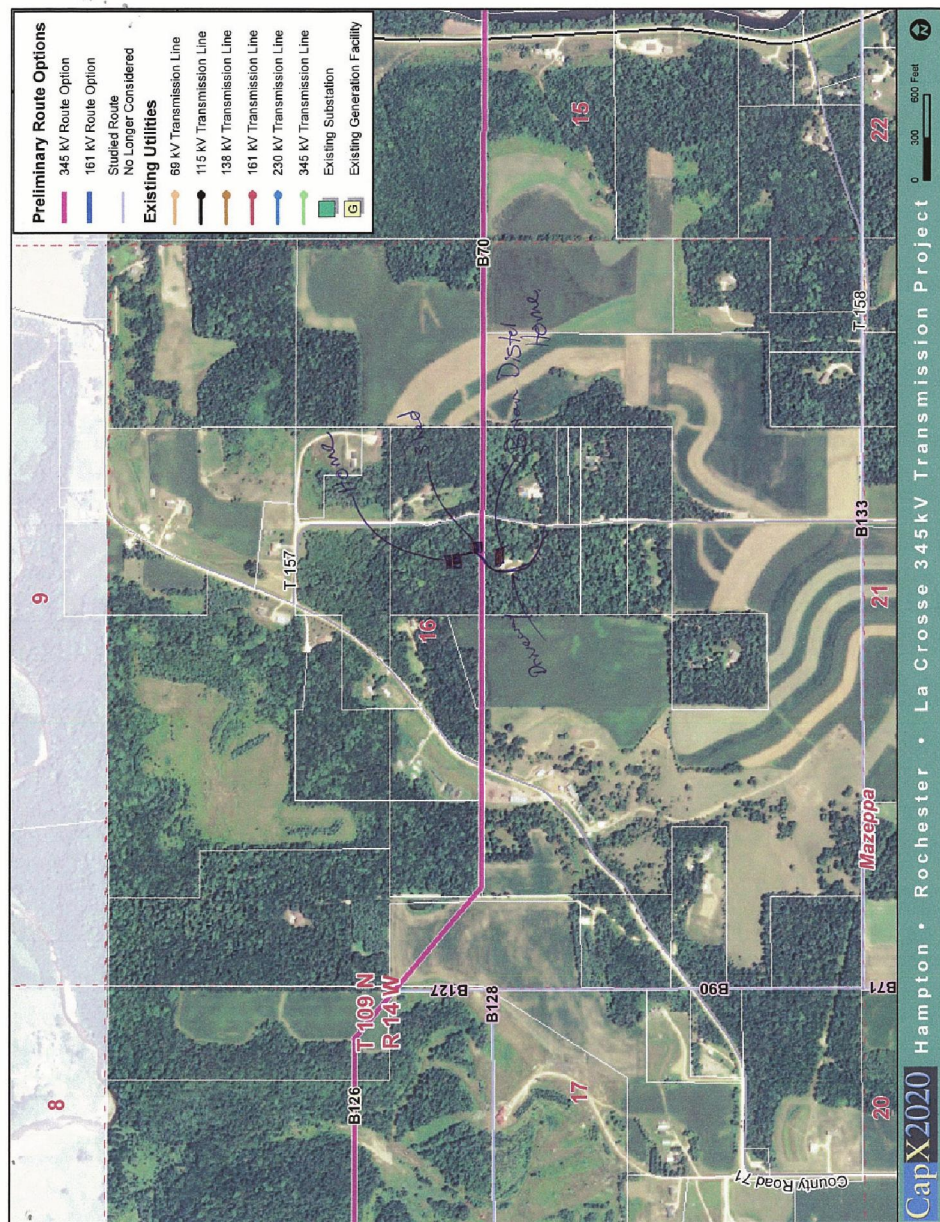
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I-016-006

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- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-017-001 Compensation for decreased land value. How close can
homes be to the line. What if a home exists within the
150 ft. zone the line requires who is going to clear the
land and make sure that it is left in an acceptable way.

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I-017-001

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I-017-002

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☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

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I-017-002

New home to be built in April 2010 within 125 feet of projected line traveling through the Mazeppa Area (Steeplechase).
Section 16 of Mazeppa Township. A shed will be located within 25 feet of proposed line. Existing home (Distal Residence) within 50 feet of proposed line.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Biological - Trout lily, lady slippers, many valuable trees that would have to be eliminated. Extreme slopes on hills - cutting of trees would increase erosion.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

- I-017-003 No. Did not even know there was a proposed line through my property until a neighbor happened upon the information and informed us. Where has this information been posted... when were you planning on informing land owners?
- I-017-004 Why is there not a plan to follow major highways and lines already in use as to minimize destruction to the biological resources. Land is already cleared there so it seems to be the most logical option. Need info as to why there needs to be new lines. I do not know even where lines are ending or why they are needed. Esp in a time where town growth has stagnated. Need information as to how the optional lines were chosen and who was asked to provide input on line locations.
- I-017-005
- I-017-006

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Representing (Optional): Myself - land owner

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-017-003

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, www.capx2020.com.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-017-004

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-017-005

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-017-006

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.